

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A slide lock assembly for an outdoor pedestal closure comprising:

a base connected to an interior portion of a dome of said pedestal closure, said base having a channel formed therein and an outer surface free of sharp edges;

a slider mounted in said channel of said base and movable along said channel between an extended position and a retracted position;

a rotator mounted to said base and connected to said slider for moving said slider to its retracted position;

drainage ports in communication with said channel; and

a biasing element mounted between said base and said slider for pushing said slider to said extended position.

2. (previously presented) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
said slider includes a cam follower wall and a cam follower surface for engaging said rotator.

3. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
said rotator includes a body and an arm, said arm for acting as a cam when said body is rotated.

4-5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
said outer surface includes a smooth, slanted surface.

7-13. (cancelled)

14. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
said base includes an opening for receiving said rotator and a side wall; and said slider includes an elongated slot for receiving said rotator and an abutment wall.

15. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 14 including:
a cover, said cover having an opening for said rotator.

16. (previously presented) The assembly as claimed in claim 15 wherein:
said cover includes a snap arm for engaging said base; and said base includes a snap arm receiving opening.

17-18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The assembly as claimed in claim 16 wherein:
said biasing element is a compression spring mounted between said side wall of said base and said abutment wall of said slider.

20-24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the outer surface includes a plurality of slanted surfaces.

26. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 25 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces includes an upper surface and a lower surface.

27. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 26 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces further includes at least two side walls.

28. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 27 wherein the outer surface further includes at least one rounded intersection.

29. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 28 wherein the outer surface further includes at least one rounded corner.

30. (currently amended) A pedestal closure assembly comprising:
a dome having a lower portion, a an assembly base, and a lock, the lock including an interior portion positioned on an interior portion of the dome and adjacent cables when the cables are installed in the pedestal closure assembly, wherein the dome is configured to slide onto the assembly base, ~~and~~ wherein said interior portion of the lock includes a snag-free lock base housing additional lock parts for securing the dome to the assembly base, and wherein the snag-free lock base is free of sharp edges so as to avoid snagging the cables when the dome is removed from or installed on the assembly base with the cables installed in the pedestal closure assembly.

31-32. (cancelled).

33. (currently amended) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 30 wherein the ~~interior portion of the~~ snag-free lock base includes a plurality of slanted surfaces.

34. (previously presented) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 33 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces includes an upper surface and a lower surface.

35. (previously presented) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 34 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces further includes at least two side walls.

36. (currently amended) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 35 wherein the ~~interior portion of the~~ snag-free lock base further includes at least one rounded intersection.

37. (currently amended) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 36 wherein the ~~interior portion of the~~ snag-free lock base further includes at least one rounded corner.

38. (cancelled).

39. (previously presented) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 30 further comprising a mounting plate for supporting cables.

40. (currently amended) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 39 wherein the snag-free lock base is positioned in close proximity to the mounting plate when the dome is removed from or installed on the assembly base.

41. (cancelled).

42. (previously presented) The pedestal closure assembly of claim 40 wherein the lock is positioned on the lower portion of the dome.